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2D SESSION

S. 3525

To repeal the Jones Act restrictions on coastwise trade, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2010

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. RISCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Open America’s Wa-
5 ters Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF JONES ACT LIMITATIONS ON COAST-**
7 **WISE TRADE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 12112(a) of title 46,
9 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A coastwise endorsement may be
2 issued for a vessel that qualifies under the laws of the
3 United States to engage in the coastwise trade.”.

4 (b) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant of
6 the United States Coast Guard shall issue regulations to
7 implement the amendment made by subsection (a). Such
8 regulations shall require that a vessel permitted to en-
9 gaged in the coastwise trade meets all appropriate safety
10 and security requirements.

11 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) TANK VESSEL CONSTRUCTION STAND-
13 ARDS.—Section 3703a(c)(1)(C) of title 46, United
14 States Code, is amended by striking “Coast Guard
15 and is qualified for documentation as a wrecked ves-
16 sel under section 12112 of this title.” and inserting
17 “Coast Guard.”.

18 (2) LIQUIFIED GAS TANKERS.—Section 12120
19 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by strik-
20 ing “United States,” and all that follows and insert-
21 ing “United States.”.

22 (3) SMALL PASSENGER VESSELS.—Section
23 12121(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amend-
24 ed by striking “12112,”.

1 (4) LOSS OF COASTWISE TRADE PRIVILEGES.—

2 Section 12132 of title 46, United States Code, is re-
3 pealed.

4 (5) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections
5 for chapter 121 of title 46, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking the item relating to section
7 12132.

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